

**REMARKS**

Initially, the Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-40. In the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, the Examiner points out that the amendments to the claims filed on August 16, 2001 and November 18, 2002 do not comply with 37 CFR § 1.173(b). Applicants have corrected this and would like to thank the Examiner for bringing this issue to their attention.

In addition, the Examiner states that "the assignee has not established its ownership interest in the patent, in order to support the action under 37 CFR § 3.73(b)." Specifically the Examiner points out that the "REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE INVENTOR, OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT" filed on March 14, 2000 fails to give the reel/frame number of the assignment. The Applicants thank the Examiner for bringing this to their attention. Attached is a copy of the Assignment that establishes the ownership interest for this reissue application, which is in the process of being recorded with the Patent Office.

13 In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is  
14 in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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